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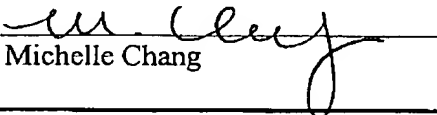
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In re application of:)
Application No.: 09/761,923)
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For: Method Of Using Ion Implantation To)
Form Openings In An Insulator)
Applicant: Yang et al.)
Examiner: Vinh, Lan)
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 16-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKSPresent Status of the Application

Claims 1-19 remain pending of which claims 16-19 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. For at least the following reasons, claims 1-15 are in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Response to Rejections under 35 U. S. C. 103

1. The Office Action rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al. (US-6,326,300, hereinafter Liu) in view of Violette et al. (US-6,140,244, hereinafter Violette).